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EX PARTE NOTICE

March 27, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Business Data Services in an Internet Protocol Environment*, WC Docket No. 16-143; WC Docket No. 15-247; *Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 05-25 and RM-10593

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 23, 2017, Chip Pickering, Karen Reidy, and the undersigned of INCOMPAS, along with Pat Williams of the Cormac Group, met with Commissioner O’Rielly and his legal advisor, Amy Bender, to discuss the status of the above-referenced open proceedings. We provided a copy of a letter Sprint filed in the dockets on March 22, and we reinforced some of the points made therein, including the current state of the market. We stressed that the consolidation that is occurring is further enhancing the market power of incumbent telcos; the continued need for affordable business data services (“BDS”) to enable competition for small businesses, critical community anchor institutions and 5G infrastructure; and that the Commission must seek comment on any proposal that deviates from past findings before moving to Order, including the recent BDS proposals by AT&T and CenturyLink and Frontier if the Commission were to adopt either proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Angie Kronenberg

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cc: Commissioner O’Rielly
Amy Bender